



# STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

## Ninety-Eighth Regular Session

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THURSDAY, April 17, 2008

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

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### ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

#### **Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-067**

Relating to agricultural marketing orders and marketing boards.

Submitted by Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Report received from Agency, April 10, 2008.

To committee on **Agriculture**.

Referred on April 17, 2008.

#### **Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-078**

Relating to non-municipal electric utility low-income assistance fees.

Submitted by Department of Administration.

Report received from Agency, April 14, 2008.

To committee on **Energy and Utilities**.

Referred on April 17, 2008.

#### **Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-079**

Relating to low income assistance public benefits.

Submitted by Department of Administration.

Report received from Agency, April 14, 2008.

To committee on **Energy and Utilities**.

Referred on April 17, 2008.

#### **Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-080**

Relating to energy conservation and efficiency and renewable resource programs.

Submitted by Department of Administration.

Report received from Agency, April 14, 2008.

To committee on **Energy and Utilities**.

Referred on April 17, 2008.

#### **Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 07-103**

Relating to continuing medical educational programs.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from Agency, April 11, 2008.

To committee on **Health and Healthcare Reform**.

Referred on April 17, 2008.

#### **Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 08-001**

Relating to grants for nursing services.

Submitted by Department of Public Instruction.

Report received from Agency, April 14, 2008.

To committee on **Education**.

Referred on April 17, 2008.

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### COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Madison

To Whom It May Concern:

Acts, Joint Resolutions and Resolutions deposited in this office have been numbered and published as follows:

<u>Jt. Res. Number</u>	<u>Enrolled Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
<b>Assembly Joint Res. 53</b>	.. 43 .....	Not Published
<b>Assembly Joint Res. 58</b>	.. 44 .....	Not Published
<b>Assembly Joint Res. 92</b>	.. 45 .....	Not Published
<b>Assembly Joint Res. 113</b>	.. 46 .....	Not Published
<b>Assembly Joint Res. 114</b>	.. 47 .....	Not Published
<b>Assembly Joint Res. 116</b>	.. 48 .....	Not Published

Sincerely,  
*DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE*  
Secretary of State

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### REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Natural Resources  
Madison

October 4, 2007

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Pursuant to section 23.165(6) of the statutes, the Department is required to report on the activities, receipts and disbursements for promotional activities for the preceding fiscal year.

Under section 23.165(3) of the statutes, the Department "may promote, through the sale of merchandise or otherwise, advertise or otherwise publicize department programs, department publications, and all properties, lands, facilities, waterways, projects and other areas subject to the jurisdiction or control of the department."

Enclosed is the FY 07 Department of Natural Resources Promotional Activities Report.

Sincerely,  
*MATTHEW J. FRANK*  
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Technical College System  
Madison

April 11, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

I am pleased to share with you the attached report in compliance with section [38.04\(21\)](#) of the statutes. This provision requires the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board to submit an annual report regarding high school students attending technical colleges. The report is to be submitted to the Legislature and to three state agencies (Departments of Administration, Public Instruction and Workforce Development). The reporting requirement was established in the 1997-99 biennial budget ([1997 Wisconsin Act 27](#)).

This edition of the report provides enrollment information from 2000 through 2007. The following level of activity occurred in 2006-07:

- 1,996 high school students attended the WTCS under the 118.15 Compulsory Education Option.
- 3,019 high school students attended the WTCS under Youth Options
- Over 11,196 high school students enrolled in WTCS postsecondary level courses through means other than 118.15 Compulsory Education or Youth Options.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Jayson Chung, Associate Vice President, at (608) 266-5517.

Sincerely,  
*DANIEL CLANCY*  
System President

Referred to committee on **Colleges and Universities**.

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State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health and Family Services  
Madison

April 14, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

I am pleased to submit to the Legislature the enclosed report as required by Chapter [153](#), Wisconsin Statutes. The report

describes, “the content and number of reports and currency of information and reports generated in the previous calendar year” by the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC). WHAIC produced all required reports.

With warm regards,  
*KEVIN R. HAYDEN*  
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Health and Health Care Reform**.

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## AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau  
Madison

April 15, 2008

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

We have completed a best practices review of local government operations, as directed by s. [13.94\(8\)](#), Wis. Stats. This report focuses on public library services provided by Wisconsin’s municipalities and counties, with support from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Wisconsin has 388 public libraries, which are funded primarily with municipal and county taxes, as well as 17 regional library systems supported by state aid. These libraries and systems employed more than 3,200 full-time equivalent staff in 2006, when their operating expenditures totaled \$210.4 million.

The 17 regional library systems are statutorily required to provide specific services, such as interlibrary loans of materials, reference assistance, and consulting services to member libraries. Consulting services include assistance with promoting library use, addressing the needs of users with special needs, and evaluating current and future building and space requirements. The regional library systems also provide libraries with technology support, which includes troubleshooting and consulting for purchases of software and hardware. More than one-half of the libraries we surveyed indicated an online catalog is the most valuable service provided by their regional library system.

Through surveys and interviews with the directors of individual libraries and all 17 regional library systems, we identified best practices related to collaboration among systems, effectively using volunteers, securing adequate technology support, and periodically assessing patron needs.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by DPI, the regional library system directors, and the many public library directors who responded to our survey and our additional requests for information.

Respectfully submitted,  
*JANICE MUELLER*  
State Auditor